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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1642
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Marcel KOKEN et al.)	Examiner: K. A. Canella
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Appln. No.: 09/744,605)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: July 27, 2001)	Confirmation No. 1616
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For: USE OF NOVEL AGENTS)	December 4, 2003
INDUCING CELL DEATH IN)	
SYNERGY WITH INTERFERONS)	

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of November 10, 2003. The examiner considers the claims to be drawn to two separate inventions, namely:

Group I, claim(s) 12-21, 24 and 25, drawn to a method of inducing the death of undesirable cells and/or a method of stimulating an immune reaction comprising the administration of a substance which promotes the targeting of the PML protein towards nuclear bodies and/or stabilization, in combination with the PML protein and/or an agent inducing the over expression of the PML protein; a method of inducing the death of undesirable cells

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and/or stimulation of an immune response comprising administering to a patient a caspase inhibitor and/or a caspase substrate; and

Group II, claim(s) 22 and 23, drawn to pharmaceutical compositions and kits comprising caspase inhibitors and/or substrates, arsenic compounds or compounds having the same biological properties as arsenic, the PML protein, and an agent inducing the over expression of the PML protein.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, presently comprising claims 12-21, 24 and 25 without traverse.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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